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Mayor Katherine Ross
City of Snoqualmie
38624 SE RIVER ST
SNOQUALMIE, WA 98065

Subject: Endorsement of the Snoqualmie Valley Complex Expansion

Dear Mayor Ross,

With tremendous enthusiasm, I write today to endorse the proposed plan to triple the size of the City of Snoqualmie's complex that has been home to the Snoqualmie Valley YMCA since 2011.

At the Y, our mission is to build communities where all people, especially the young, are encouraged to develop their fullest potential in spirit, mind, and body. We have found a true and valued partner in the City of Snoqualmie in pursuing this mission. With the proposed expansion plans, we see an even healthier future ahead, filled with more options and services that attract, empower, and sustain youth and families of Snoqualmie.

While the current building continues to serve the community well, additional space will enable us to increase programming significantly. Most notably, our aquatic offerings in other YMCAs throughout our association create a level of fun and physical fitness that keeps our communities coming back for more. Swimming lessons and water safety training are vital throughout the Puget Sound, and the Y was highlighted this spring as a founding partner in Mayor Bruce Harrell's Swim Seattle initiative designed to ensure that every child in King County learns to swim. With the proposed expansion, families in Snoqualmie will have convenient and affordable access to the #1 provider of swimming lessons across America.

Of course, this expansion is more than the addition of an aquatic center. This growth as a community center will make the Y a greater partner and asset in Snoqualmie's position as one of the most livable, healthy, and family-friendly cities in the Pacific Northwest.

On behalf of our employees and our members in Snoqualmie, and nearly 40,000 volunteers and membership households throughout King County, we share your excitement for the future. We stand with you in believing your city is worthy of a significant investment that supports unsurpassed whole person health services and programs that foster an engaged, connected, and informed city.

In gratitude and community,

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